

## Chapter 3

### *Elections and the electoral system*

*Electoral provisions and statistics updated to those applying at the 2013 general election:*

#### Number of Members

Representation of States and Territories (p. 86)—no change

**TABLE 3.1** RATIO OF ELECTORS TO MEMBERS (p. 87)

<i>Year of election</i>	<i>Electors</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Average number of electors per Member</i>
2013	14722754	150	98151

#### Electoral divisions—Largest and smallest divisions (p. 88)

Largest and smallest by area in 2013—no change.

In 2013, the largest division by enrolled population was Fraser, Australian Capital Territory, with 138 047 electors; the smallest Solomon, Northern Territory, with 63 267 electors.

#### Nomination of candidates (pp. 97–98)

Nomination by at least 100 electors required (previously 50).

Deposit of \$1000 required (previously \$500).

#### Polling day—counting (p. 99)

In 2013 the figure for informal votes was 5.9 per cent.

#### Public funding and financial disclosure—Pending legislation (pp 101–102)

In these pages, legislation described as ‘pending’ should now more accurately be referred to as ‘proposed’. The Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2010 lapsed at dissolution.

#### Public funding for elections (p. 101)

For the 2013 general election the specified amount was 248.8 cents for each vote.

#### Disclosure threshold (p. 102)

From July 2013 to June 2014 the disclosure threshold was \$12 400.